

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Mikulski and Representative Murtha, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session and ordered favorably reported the nominations of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, United States Air Force, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 44 public bills, H.R. 1629–1672; 1 private bill, H.R. 1673 and; 8 resolutions, H. J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 132–133, and H. Res. 213–217 were introduced. **Pages H2100–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2102–04**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 804, to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program (H. Rept. 109–44). **Page H2100**

Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: The House passed S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, by a yea-and-nay vote of 302 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 108—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1974–87, H1988–92, H1993–H2077

Rejected the Schakowsky motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 107. **Pages H2074–76**

H. Res. 211, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 105, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 104.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Woolsey motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 49 yeas to 371 nays, Roll No. 103. **Pages H1987–88**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 213, relating to a question of privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 106. **Pages H1992–93**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18, and further, that when the House ad-

journs on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 20. **Page H2081**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Simmons to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy. **Page H2081**

Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative King (NY) to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. **Page H2081**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Kelly and Taylor (NC). **Page H2081**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Kolbe and Harris. **Page H2081**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with regard to disaster mitigation payments: The House agreed by unanimous consent to concur in the Senate amendment and pass H.R. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H2082–83**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1971.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1987–88, H1991, H1992, H1992–93, H2075–76, H2076–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Recruiting and Retention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Franklin Hagenbeck, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; LTG Roger Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; and LTG James R. Helmly, USAR, Chief of Army Reserve.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from Charles McQueary, Under Secretary, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Election Assistance Commission, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance Commission: Cracia Hillman, Chairman, Paul DeGregorio, Vice Chairman; Mel Martinez and DeForest Soaries, both Commissioners; and the following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Hal Stratton, Chairman; and Thomas H. Moore, Vice Chairman.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EUROPEAN UNION—WEAPONS TRADE TO CHINA

Committee on Armed Services: and the Committee on International Relations held a joint hearing regarding U.S. national security and foreign policy implications of arms exports to the People's Republic of China by member states of the European Union. Testimony was heard from R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Defense; and Peter Lichtenbaum, Acting Under Secretary, Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

DOD ROTORCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request on the Department of Defense's major rotorcraft programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Balderson, Deputy Secretary of the Navy (Air Programs), Department of the Navy; BG Martin Post, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation; David Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary; MG Robert Bishop, Jr., USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations; and BG Jeff Schloesser, USA, Director, Army Aviation Task Force.

HEAD START

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on The Best of Head Start: Learning from Model Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATIZING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing